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Open Learning System
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Government Universities in the country which are providing education through open learning;
(b) the number of private universities which are providing education through open learning, State/UT-wise;
(c) whether the degrees obtained from private university are recognized for Government jobs, if so, the details thereof;
(d) the total number of Universities in the country which award Ph.D degrees along with their names; and
(e) the categories under which Universities are placed in the country along with their ranking?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a): As per the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), there are 75 Government Universities which have been approved by the Commission for imparting education through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode.
(b): As per the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), there are 20 Private Universities which have been approved by the Commission for imparting education through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode. The State/UT-wise list is attached as Annexure-I.
(c): With regard to the recognition of degrees awarded by the Universities established by an Act of Parliament or State Legislature, Institutions Deemed to be Universities under Section (3) of the UGC Act, 1956 and Institutions of National Importance declared under an Act of Parliament stand automatically recognized for the purpose of employment to post and services under the Central Government, provided they have been approved by the UGC. In this regard, a copy of the Gazette Notification No. 6-1/2013-DL dated 10th June, 2015 issued by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education is available on the Ministry's website www.mhrd.gov.in.
(d): The UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2009 and 2016 do not allow Ph.D and M.Phil through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode.
(e): As per the information furnished by the UGC, it has not yet started the ranking of Universities imparting education through the ODL mode.
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